released directly to the Voluntary Organisations by the Union of India. The State Governments have been advised to constitute special squads to oversee the work done by the Voluntary Organisations. Moreover the District Health authorities have also to ensure that the conditions laid down in the guidelines are fulfilled by the organisations and have to certify the satisfactory conduction of camps before release of grant. Even the Camps organised with assistance from international agencies have to be cleared by the State Governments.

Red Cross Society relief to Bhopal gas victims

†2125-A. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Red Cross Society has received Rs. 2.5 crores from American Red Cross in March, 1986 for providing relief to the Bhopal gas victims; if so, when Red Cross started giving relief and how much has so far been provided;

(b) whether Indian Red Cross Society had shifted this contribution from the authorised State Bank of India to other banks and organisations without prior approval of the Chairman of the Society and if so, what action is stipulated against the Chief Executive of Red Cross; and

(c) what checks are being imposed by Government to see that the Red Cross Society utilised the funds for the purpose for which these are received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) An amount of Rs 2.,51,20,000 was received by the Indian Red Cross Society in February, 1986 and till July, 1986 a sum of Rs. 53 lakhs has been sent to Bhopal. The Society had started the relief work in Bhopal immediately after the gas tragedy in December, 1984. Action to release further funds is in progress.

(b) All foreign contributions are received by the Indian Red Cross Society in one bank account with the State Bank of India and transferred for relief work in accordance with the Statutes of the Society and the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(c) The Indian Red Cross Society mainatins an account of the funds and contributions received by it and submits the statutory returns prescribed. The Annual Report and the audited statement of accounts of the Society are also required to be laid before Parliament.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1834 transferred from the 11th August, 1986.

राष्ट्र कवि "मैथिलीशरण गुप्त" की जन्म शताब्दी का मनाया जाना

†2125-ख. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने 3 अगस्त, 1986 से सारे साल भर राष्ट्र कवि "मैथिलीशरण गुप्त" की जन्म शताब्दी मनाने के लिये एक राष्ट्रीय समारोह समिति गठित की है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि समिति तथा अन्य गणमान्य व्यक्तियों ने उनके मंत्रालय को लिखा है कि वे इस समारोह को विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों और सांस्कृतिक मिशनों में उचित ढंग से मनाये; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शिक्षा तथा संस्कृति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां ।

राष्ट्रीय समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसरण में, जिसने अन्य बातों के साथ अन्य व्यक्तियों से प्राप्त सुझावों पर भी विचार किया था, विदेश स्थित भारतीय

†Previously Unstarred Question 1907 transferred from the 12th August, 1986.

दूतावासों को इस अवसर पर समारोहों को उचित ढंग से मनाने के लिये कहा गया है। इनमें इस अवसर पर प्रकाशित किये जाने वाले प्रकाशनों को उन देशों में वितरित करना शामिल है, जहां पर भारतीय लोग काफी संख्या में रहते हैं। साहित्य और अन्य सामग्री भी उन विदेशी विश्वविद्यालयों को भेजने के लिये सहमति हुई थी, जहां पर हिन्दी भाषा अध्यापन । एक विषय है।

Harmful Colours used by Food processing units

†2125-C. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some colours used by Food processing units have been found to be harmful for human consumption; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban these colours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the food manufacturing units are required to use only those colours, use of which is permitted in specified items of food. Despite this, there are instances of use of non permitted colours which attract penal provisions of the law.

The State Governments have been advised to keep a strict vigil on indiscriminate use of non-permitted colour and to take action under the provisions of the PFA Act and Rules.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 to Unstarred Question 2135 regarding applications for power connections from Badli Entrepreneurs Association.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Sir, with your permission I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 to Unstarred Question 2135 regarding applications for power connections from Badli Entrepreneur's Association. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-3053/86]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Indian Telegraph (Fourth amendment) Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1985, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) Notification G.S.R. No. 953(E), dated the 23rd July, 1986, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Fourth Amendment) Rule, 1986. [Placed in *See* No. LT-3019/86]

Mr. Justice Baharul Islam's Committee Report to recommend Social Security measures to the members of legal profession

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, a copy of the Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee to recommend social security measures to the Members of legal profession under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice Baharul Islam, M.P. [Placed in Library *See* No. LT-3022/86]

I. **Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Indian Institute of advanced study, Shimla and related papers**

II. **Accounts (1984-85) of the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi and related papers**

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†Previously Unstarred Question 2185 transferred from the 14th August, 1986.